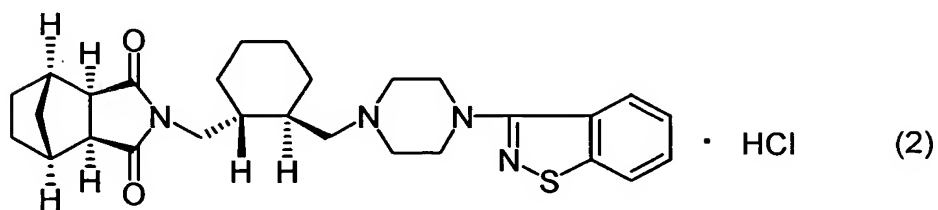


ABSTRACT

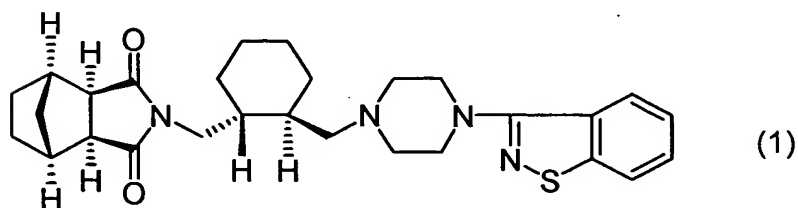
The present invention provides an excellent industrial process for producing an imide compound hydrochloride.

5 The process for producing an imide compound hydrochloride of the formula (2):



or an enantiomer thereof,

which comprises treating a compound of the formula (1):



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or an enantiomer thereof with an aqueous hydrochloric acid solution in a hydrophilic solvent, followed by crystallizing the resultant.